

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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PRESENCE OF ANIMAL CARCASS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several planes of Indian Air Force have met and likely to meet with accidents due to the regular presence of animal carcass around the Defence Airports;
- (b) the preventive measures taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Ministry of Finance had allocated some funds to Ministry of Defence to overcome the problem;
- (d) if so, the details of the funds allocated during the last three years; and
- (e) the reasons for not utilising these funds, if any?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) The presence of animal carcass around Defence airfields attract birds, which pose a hazard to aircraft. Some aircraft accidents occur due to bird hits. However, during the last three years no Indian Air Force aircraft has crashed due to bird hit.
- (b) The Indian Air Force have initiated certain preventive measures to contain bird activity around the airfield. These measures include deployment of bird hazard combat teams, clearance of vegetation in the airfield safety zone, installation of bird scaring devices and establishment of solid waste management plants around ten prime Air Force bases.
- (c) to (e): Funds were allocated for anti bird measures, which inter-alia include carcass management. The details of funds allocated during the last three financial years are as under :-

Financial Year Funds Allocated

2001-02	Rs. 385.00 lakhs
2002-03	Rs. 395.00 lakhs
2003-04	Rs. 417.91 lakhs

The funds allocated were fully utilised.